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APPLICANT(S) : Sharma et al.  
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HALFTONING FOR MULTI-PASS  
RENDERING  
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Telephone Interview Summary

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants requested a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicants greatly appreciate the courtesy Examiner James A. Thompson extended to the below signed Applicants' Representative in conducting a telephonic interview held on December 18, 2006, the substance of which is incorporated herein.

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In that interview, the Applicants' Representative, Patrick D. Floyd, reiterated the view that the cited references, Gotoh (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0024548 A1), does not anticipate the claimed invention and this reference combined with Wang (U.S. Pat. No. 6,014,500) and Shiau (U.S. Pat. No. 5,880,857) do not render the invention obvious. Applicants argued that no reference teaches restricting a substantial majority of pixels turned on to render a tone to the minimum number of passes required to produce the tone.

The Examiner provided no further clarification as to how Gotoh reads on the claims. No agreement was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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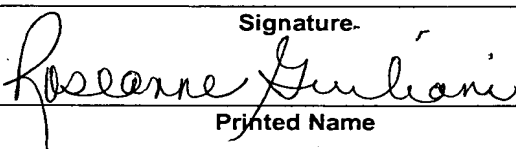
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